

FREE COLLECTION DAY

For Safe Disposal • No Questions Asked SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2011 • 10:00AM-2:00PM

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COLLECTION SITES

Northampton - Smith Vocational 80 Locust St.

Amherst – Wildwood Elementary School

Belchertown – Town Commons

Cummington – Cummington Safety Complex

Easthampton – Easthampton Safety Complex

Granby - Granby High School

Hadley - Hadley Safety Complex

Hatfield - Town Hall

Huntington – Transfer Station

Southampton - Town Hall

South Hadley - Police Station

Ware - Ware High School

Westhampton – Westhampton Police/Fire Station

Williamsburg - Anne Dunphy School

Worthington - Town Hall

ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

NO NEEDLES – NO SYRINGES – NO LANCETS NO THERMOMETERS – NO IV BAGS – NO CHEMO DRUGS – NO LIQUIDS OF ANY TYPE

Sponsored by: The Drug Enforcement Administration, Hampshire/Franklin TRIAD, District Attorney David E. Sullivan, Hampshire County Sheriff Robert J. Garvey, Franklin County Sheriff Christopher Donelan, Local Police Departments, Department of Public Health, MA Council's on Aging, Smith Vocational High School, Daily Hampshire Gazette and other community partners.

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WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY? WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT TO SAFELY DISPOSE OF DRUGS?

Some Disturbing Facts About:

Teens

- Prescription drugs are the #1 choice among 12 -13 year olds
- 70% of people 12 and older who abuse prescription drugs get them from family and friends
- 1 in 7 teens admitted to abusing prescription drugs to get high in the past year. Sixty percent (60%) of teens who abused prescription pain relievers did so before the age of 15.
- Fifty-six (56%) percent of teens believe that prescription drugs are easier to get than illicit drugs.



- 2 in 5 teens believe that prescription drugs are much safer than illegal drugs and 3 in 10 teens believe that prescription drugs are not addictive.
- 3.1 million 12 to 25 year olds used over the counter cough and cold medicines at least once to get high. 13 is the mean age of the first nonprescribed use of sedatives and stimulants

Elders

 Helping elders clean out their medicine cabinets can help prevent accidental overdoses and the misappropriation of prescription drugs by caregivers or loved ones.

The Environment

- A recent study shows that 80% percent of US streams contain small amounts of human antibiotics
- Fish and other aquatic animals have shown adverse effects from medicines in the water
- Small amounts of medicines have been found in drinking water

Information used is from the Drug Enforcement Administration (dea.gov) drug fact sheet and the National Family Partnership, Lock Your Meds (lockyourmeds.org.) and University of California San Francisco School of Pharmacy.

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